



Happy 7th

Anniversary

John & Julius



Two feminist researchers would like to interview lesbians who are going through or have gone through menopause, for a study on sexuality. Please call or write to Ellen Cole, 454-7709, or R.D. #1, Box 1490, Plainfield, Vermont 05667.

In Memoriam

SPEAKING BITTERNESS

I tremble
On the shorelines of terror,
Believing
That someday
Someone will decide
They do not wish
To hear me
Speak of the need for change.
I will be dead.
Then, my daughter,
Who will love you?

Michiyo Fukaya
(born Margaret Cornell)
April 25, 1953 - July 9, 1987

Purpose

The purpose of *Out in the Mountains* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, gay men and our supporters in Vermont. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support and affirmation for lesbians and gay men. We also see it as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian and gay community.

Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. Views and opinions appearing in the paper do not necessarily represent those of the staff.

This paper cannot, and will not endorse any candidates and actions of public officials on issues of particular importance to lesbians and gay men.

We will not publish any material which is overtly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, ageist, classist, or homophobic.

All materials submitted must be signed and include an address and/or phone number so we can contact the author should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within the pages of the newspaper, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed. No revisions or rejections of materials will occur without dialogue with the author.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit materials for publication and to share your comments, criticisms and positive feelings with us. This paper is here for you.

The deadline for submitting material for each issue is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear "Out in the Mountains":

I am writing this letter in praise of your publication. Out of curiosity I picked it up in the downtown Burlington Ben & Jerry's and read it cover to cover.

I was expecting something more radical and biased, and was pleasantly surprised by its objectivity. I am heterosexual (not that it really should matter) and learned something new about homosexuality upon perusal of your publication. It is disturbing to hear about the acts of violence and discrimination directed towards homosexuals. I am glad that you also included a paragraph or so about the same sort of actions against other minorities, because not only homosexuals are discriminated against.

I feel compelled to say something about the commentary on David Chan's visit to Burlington for the Playboy pictorial on the "Girls of the Party Schools." This was the one insult to your publication - especially printed next to your editorial policy stating "we will not publish overtly racist, sexist...material..." Sarah Coy was clearly gloating over the senseless and also wasteful ridicule of a magazine that hurts no one.

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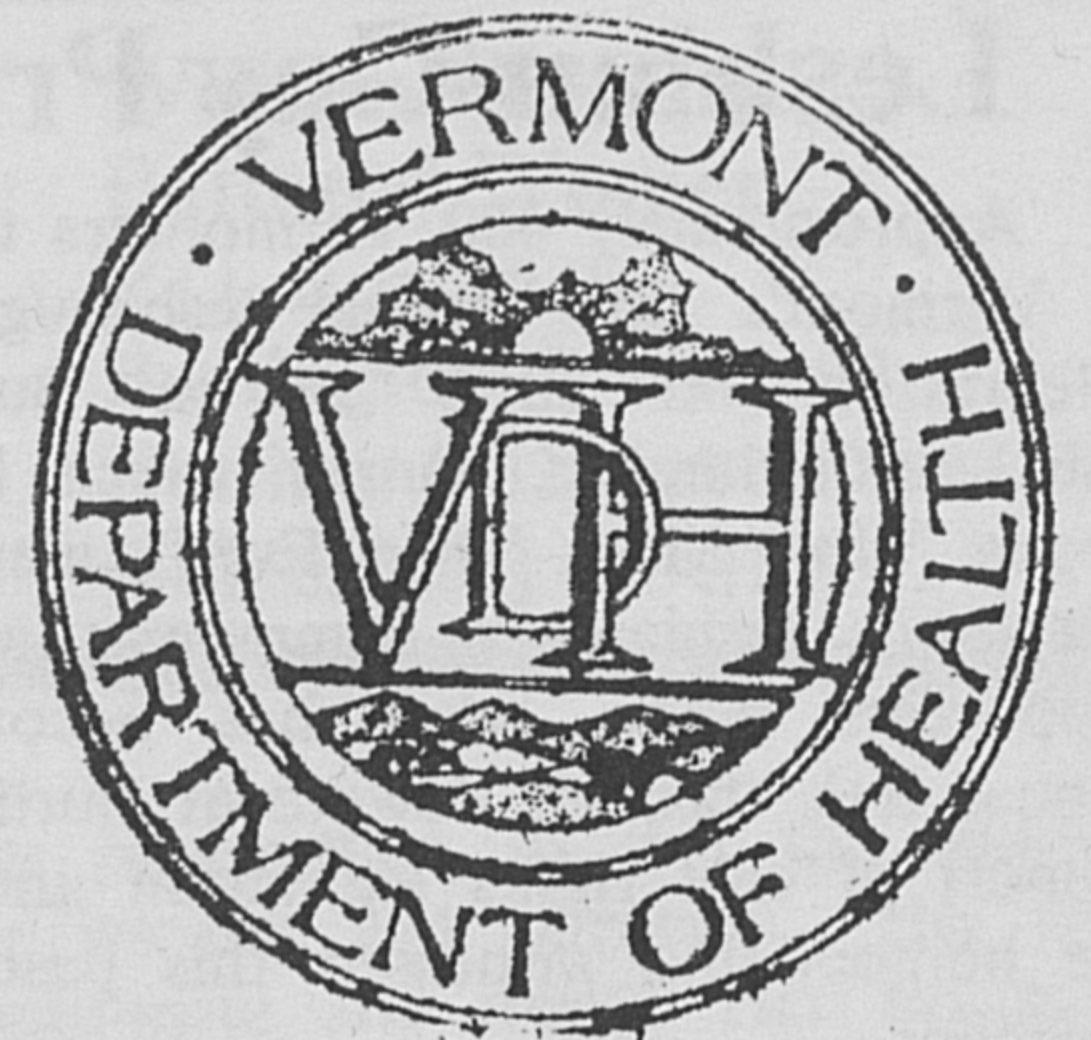
Being a "gay" paper you have taken on the responsibility of publishing the views and opinions of people concerned with a very emotional, instinctive and controversial subject - sexuality. Playboy expresses one view of sexuality, which just happens to be a very popular one, hence the stats on its circulation. Men and women read it. The magazine exploits the one thing your own publication does also - freedom of speech, expression and the press.

The women who pose for the pictures do so willingly. The pictorials are always flattering, and in good taste. I totally disagree with Chan's attitude towards the persons protesting, but again, as are you, he is entitled to an opinion. If people were confident that his statement wasn't true it would not bother them. Sarah has also confused "Playboy" with "Penthouse" when she states that Playboy frequently publishes layouts depicting female couples engaging in sexual acts. I have read the magazine for 14 years and cannot remember one such pictorial dedicated to lesbianism, however Penthouse has such layouts in almost every issue. I also have never had the urge to perform a violent act after reading a Playboy or Penthouse, nor have I met anyone who did.

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